



AERO Highspeed 1, 2 & 3 voted "SHIPS OF THE YEAR" in LLOYD'S LIST GREEK SHIPPING AWARDS 2022

Attica Group, parent company of SUPERFAST FERRIES, BLUE STAR FERRIES and HELLENIC SEAWAYS, is proud to announce that its newbuildings AERO Highspeed 1, 2 & 3 have been voted as

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in the **Lloyd's List** Greek Shipping Awards 2022, which are intended to honor achievement in the Greek shipping community. The judging panel consists of experts representing all sectors of Greek shipping. The announcement of winners took place on Friday, December 2, 2022 in an impressive ceremony. The award was received by Attica Group's CEO, Mr. Spiros Paschalis.

The AERO Highspeed state-of-the-art catamarans were distinguished for their ultra-modern design and innovative features upgrading significantly the travel experience for over 3 million passengers travelling annually on the Saronic routes, offering them a unique experience.

The three AERO vessels were built in Brødrene Aa shipyard in Norway. The total investment amounted to Euro 21 mln and was covered by own funds and bank financing.

Each vessel has a maximum speed of 32.2 knots at full load, total length 36 meters, width 9.7 meters and carrying capacity of 150 passengers. The innovative interior layout guarantees a high level of comfort and service to the passengers, offering a comfortable trip even in rough seas, spacious passenger accommodation area, dedicated area for bicycle transportation and air-conditioned kennels for pets.

The vessels were also distinguished for their contribution to the reduction of Attica Group's environmental footprint and the gradual transition to a low-carbon, greener and more competitive economy, enhancing sustainable development. This was achieved through low fuel consumption and reduced emissions, due to the vessels' lighter construction material, as well as the installation of photovoltaic units (solar panels) which generate the energy required for all lighting and energy consumption of the accommodation area.

Their deployment on the Saronic routes started on Monday, 8th August 2022 connecting Piraeus with Aegina, Agistri, Poros, Hydra, Spetses, Ermioni and Porto Heli with up to 17 daily departures, replacing existing capacity in these routes. The vessels were warmly welcomed by the passengers. Their deployment increased the total capacity on the Saronic routes, thus contributing further to the economic development of the Saronic islands and their local communities.

Driven by the values of quality, innovation, reliability, transparency, integrity and responsibility, Attica Group has invested over €1.8 billion in total on building new vessels. The new AERO Highspeed 1, 2 & 3, once again reaffirm Attica Group as a pioneer in the introduction of new and innovative vessel designs incorporating the most up-to-date technologies.

Attica Group is active in passenger shipping through SUPERFAST FERRIES, BLUE STAR FERRIES, HELLENIC SEAWAYS, and AFRICA MOROCCO LINK, operating 35 vessels in total, which provide modern and high quality transportation services in Greece and abroad. The Group's vessels travel in 4 countries, to 60 unique destinations, connect 71 ports and transport over 7 million passengers, 1 million private vehicles and 400,000 freight units annually.

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